



## **Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

#### **Prayers of the faithful**

**Celebrant :** Dear brothers and sisters, as we begin the New Year let us seek the assistance of Mary, our Mother. As Mary was richly blessed by God let us, through her intercession, also seek the divine blessings which he wants to shower on us, saying,

**Let our response be : Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For our Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix, all Priests and Religious – that they may be filled with generosity and be animated by a passion to preach the gospel to all people, **we pray to the Lord.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that they may not divide the people on religious grounds and ensure religious freedom to them, which is their constitutional right, **we pray to the Lord.**
3. For the falsely implicated inmates in prison, that they may find help from the government through free legal aid and from the generous through the persistent efforts of the prison ministry, **we pray to the Lord.**
4. For all of us, that we may be ever grateful for the mercies of God that have been poured on us through our jobs, families and communities and reach out to the unfortunate members of our communities, **we pray to the Lord.**
5. –Let us pray for our personal needs..... **we pray to the Lord.**

**Concluding prayer (Celebrant):** Heavenly father, who always looks towards our benevolence, and grants us blessing in abundance through Jesus Christ our Lord, answer our petitions and grant them if you will, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.